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Councilmember Rose Herrera Proclaims Women's History Month in the City of San José *Celebrates with Council Homecoming*

SAN JOSE, CA – Councilmember Rose Herrera will welcome a Who's Who of former female City of San José Councilmembers and/or Mayors to celebrate Women's History Month in City Hall. San José's first female Mayor, Janet Gray Hayes, will receive the proclamation for Women's History Month at the start of the council meeting on ***Tuesday, March 27th at 1:30 p.m.*** in the council chambers. Confirmed former councilmember attendees include Trixie Johnson, Charlotte Powers, Pat Sausedo, Susie Wilson, Shirley Lewis and Judy Chirco. This is a first-time gathering of these politically powerful women to be recognized for their contributions to the city and the region.

"I have a tremendous amount of respect for all of the local female political leaders who shaped the politics and history of San José," states Councilmember Rose Herrera, "we want to honor them for their contributions to our city and for bringing the female voice to the policy making process."

A private reception prior to the council meeting will be held in the city manager's conference room.

About Women's History Month

Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush

and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.”

About Janet Gray Hayes

In 1974 Janet Gray Hayes became mayor of San José, California and the first female elected to the office of mayor of a large American city. She was overwhelmingly reelected to a second term, and served as mayor until 1982. Prior to her groundbreaking election in 1974, she won a seat on the San José City Council and also served as vice mayor. During her tenure as mayor she focused on urban development issues and smart growth planning and was very responsive to increased citizen access to the mayor's office. Hayes became an important role model for women in politics; her success in government represented a watershed for politically minded women in the region and the Santa Clara Valley became known as the "Feminist Capital of the World."

About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently Chairs the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee and VTA Downtown East Valley Policy Advisory Board, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of the Mayor's Gang Task Force, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the Founder and President of the League of California Cities' Women's Caucus. Councilmember Herrera has been recognized by Silicon Valley Business Journal as a "Women of Influence for 2012." For more information, go to: www.sanjoseca.gov/district8.

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